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Title: IN VITRO AND IN VIVIO MODELS FOR SCREENERING
COMPOUNDS TO PREVENT GLUCOCORTICOID-INDUCED
BONE DESTRUCTION

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.142

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In response to the Restriction Requirement in the above-referenced application,
mailed on July 8, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 10-18 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner restricted the claims to the following two groups and required Applicants to elect one group of claims for prosecution:

I. Claim 1, 2, 4-8, and 10-12 drawn to methods of screening for compounds that reduce bone deterioration.

II. Claims 13-18 drawn to a method of screening for compounds that increase bone mineral density.

Applicant elects without traverse the claims of group II, claims 13-18.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (651-207-8270) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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